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SUBJ: INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY: NIGERIAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY SEEKS US PARTNER

1. DUPONT CONSTRUCTION (NIGERIA) LIMITED IS RECENTLY FORMED INDIGENOUS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WHICH WOULD LIKE TO UPGRADE ITS ELIGIBILITY FOR MAJOR CONTRACTS BY MERGING WITH EXPERIENCED U.S. BUILDING/CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION FIRM. PROPOSED SPLIT IS 60* FOR US PARTNER, 40* NIGERIAN PARTNER. US FIRM WOULD BE EXPECTED TO SUPPLY ITS SHARE OF CAPITAL INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, AND EXPERTISE. DUPONT WOULD SUPPLY CAPITAL AND POLITICAL CONTACTS.

- 2. IN ANTICIPATION OF FUTURE NEEDS, DUPONT SAYS IT HAS ACQUIRED A 14 ACRE PLOT IN LAGOS STATE TO BE USED BY JOINT COMPANY FOR WORKSHOPS, STORAGE AREA, CONCRETE MAKING FACTORY, STAFF HOUSING ETC. HAS ALSO TAKEN LEASES ON NEARBY RIVER SITE TO BE USED AS SOURCE OF SAND, AND PLOT OF LAND IN NERBY ABEOKUTA WHICH HAS QUOTE INEXAUSTIBLE UNQUOTE SUPPLY OF ROCK FOR GRAVEL.
- 3. AS DUPONT IS NEWLY-FORMED, EMBASSY HAS LITTLE BASIS FOR JUDGING COMPETENCE AND RELIABILITY OF FIRM. REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS SHOW PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL OF 50,000. THEY CLAIM TO BE WELL-CONNECTED IN GOVERNMENT AND HAVE GOOD ACCESS TO LARGE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRACTS COMING UP IN NEAR FUTURE. TENTATIVE IMPRESSION OF FIRM

IS FAVORABLE.

4. INTERESTED U.S. COMPANIES CAN NOTIFIY EMBASSY OR WRITE DIRECTLY

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EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE COPIES OF INITIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

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